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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction, issued September 19, 2000, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention of Group I, Claims 1-10, drawn to a spinneret, classified in class 425, subclass 463.

The restriction requirement is submitted to be improper because Group II is not 'independent and distinct' from Group I. In view of the forgoing, Applicant respectfully request that the requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

Early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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